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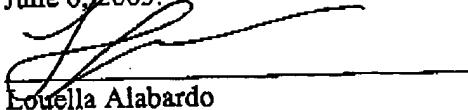
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Sir:

In response to a first Official Action dated December 17, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks for consideration by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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